

in the old way. The pupil acquires vicious habits, becomes inattentive and superficial, loses interest, and does not develop thinking power; his sensibilities are deadened and his finer nature left undeveloped. His parents come to believe that "he has no taste for education," whereas if he had proper education advantages, his dormant faculties would awaken, his life throb with a new purpose, and his mind receive the discipline so essential to the highest success. Give the boys and girls a chance in a larger field.

To one who is hesitating between going to school and making money, the right kind of advice is, "Go to college first and make the money afterwards." The danger is that an occupation may become a habit and the man a mere money-making machine, who may possibly realize only too late, that the best things in life, which only education can give, are forever beyond his reach, and that though he has a competence, he has no capacity to enjoy the treasured wealth of the centuries. Such a one should remember that "education is wealth," that it is from two to fifty times as easy to make money with a good education as without it, and that the time for education cannot be put off, deferred, or indefinitely postponed.

One great and lasting regret of many of the students who come to Ashland is that they did not begin their education earlier. When the rich and ample field of knowledge begins to spread out before them, when visions of the larger intellectual life begin to appear to them, when they begin to realize what fountains of truth, power, beauty and inspiration will now open to them, but how much of these they shall miss because of neglected earlier opportunities, there is a keenness of regret and a sense of the irreparable akin to that expressed in the old couplet:

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,  
The saddest are these, 'It might have been.'"

What are you to do about it? This: Remember that "right education under Christian influences is the best, only certain, and adequate preparation for successful and complete living," and promote the cause in every way possible; if you are a young man or woman secure the best education possible for you, and begin at once; if you are a parent see that your child's opportunities are not wasted, that its life is not cursed by ignorance, that the greatest duty you owe it is discharged, that a Christian education, the best legacy you can bequeath to it shall not be denied, so far as you have resources at your command.

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We need never be afraid of doing too much in the service of God or of man or of going too far in love's duty. Whatever service we are called to render, we should render not only to the measure required, but beyond the fullest requirement. When any one needs you for a mile, go with him two miles.—J. R. Miller.

## The Home

### Every Day

Every day is a fresh beginning  
Every morn is the world made new.  
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,  
Here is a beautiful hope for you.—  
A hope for me and a hope for you.

Yesterday is now a part of forever,  
Bound up in a sheaf which God holds tight.  
With glad days and sad days, and bad days, which  
never  
Shall visit us more with their bloom and their  
blight,  
Their fulness of sunshine or sorrowful night.

Every day is a fresh beginning;  
Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain.  
And, spite of old sorrow and older sinning,  
And puzzles forecasted and possible pain,  
Take heart with the day, and begin again.

—Selected.

### Judicious "Letting Alone."

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"Tell me," I said to one of the most charming women I know, who seems to have made a wonderful success of her ten years of married life, "how you manage to do everything so easily, and do so much more than other people, and to make every one around you comfortable and happy?"

She blushed at my praise as she answered: "I am so glad to hear you say that; for, if I am successful now, I have had to buy my knowledge with some bitter experience. You know what a nervous man my husband is. How could it be otherwise, with the strain he is under in his professional life, when, from the beginning, he had to do everything for himself and made his way by hard work and struggle? Well, when we were engaged, I didn't understand him at all. People may say what they please about the engagement being the happiest time of one's life; I argue it isn't. I was always worrying John with little exactions, demanding of him reasons for this and that, interfering with him, and not respecting his time or his individuality. Fortunately for me, his love stood the test of my tactlessness during our engagement, and the first year or so of our married life, but his health didn't. He was nervous and restless—poor thing! He had so little rest or freedom with me. Then Dorothy came, and during those early peaceful weeks of her life, when I had time to think, I began to see things in their true light, and I made a few resolutions, which I have tried hard to keep ever since. Certainly things have been happier since I determined to let John alone."

I waited for her to go on, and watched the pretty little wifely light in her eyes.

"I don't think there could ever be a real difference of opinion between John and me on the big things of life; but one doesn't have to confront big things very often, and it is in the little things that the rub is apt to come, and where a wife can worry her husband to death unconsciously by her pettishness. Well, this was the result of my resolutions: I try not to interfere in any way

with John's business, not to demur when he is obliged to go away often and to be often late at meals, and not to ask him why, frettingly, when he finally makes his appearance but to wait until he chooses to tell me. When he chooses to sit up late, as he does night after night, reading or writing, when I feel he is not prudent, according to my standpoint, I make myself keep quiet and not nag him with advice to go to bed, and I try not to worry him about his particular economics and extravagances. Very often he does what seems to me foolish and unnecessary, but I have learned to respect his judgment enough to give him the benefit of the doubt, or, at any rate, to keep from telling him my opinion when it is not asked. I have also learned never to ask him to do errands down town, or take any time from his business for me; and, more than all, I try never to worry him with any of the tiresome domestic problems that are continually arising."

"Wise little woman," I murmured, thinking of the many men who come home from a wearying day down town to find a wife who is waiting to pour out a tale of woe of the day's grievances, which are exaggerated as they are related; and yet these same wives would feel it hard if they had to listen, night after night, to the recital of their husband's business troubles and be shown his incapacity to manage his business as they show their lack of ability to regulate theirs.

"Yes, it works well in many ways," she went on, "for, on his side, John shows the same respect for me. At the beginning of each month he puts a sum of money into the bank in my name for all household expenses. I never have to account to him for a cent of it; he never questions the wisdom of any change I choose to make in my department; in fact, he leaves me alone in my domain as absolutely I do him. Consequently, when we are together, we always talk about things outside of the house, of interests that are educating, and we are very good company to each other, I assure you."

### The Pastor's Wife

Exchange.

Brethren, sisters, how about you pastor's wife? Come, now, we are not inviting criticism. The purpose is to direct your attention to her as an important factor in the work your pastor is doing. Do you ever think of her, tenderly, forbearingly, prayerfully? Do you occasionally give a thought to her as the ardent, watchful, self-sacrificing, and most efficient helper your pastor has in his work? How often he would fail, but for her courage and good cheer! How many serious mistakes he would make but for her timely forethought, prudent suggestions, and wise counsel! And yet, how few of you think of her in these relations! How carefully she has to plan and economize to make their small salary meet the actual necessities of home! How she sits up late at nights, making over old garments, so as to